

## **ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION**

The Master of Athletic Training Program at Truman State University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the MAT Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency, CAATE (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education). Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Technical standards for the Truman State University Master of Athletic Training Program include:

1. the mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and to be able to distinguish deviations from the norm;
2. sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients;
3. the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to communicate at a level consistent with competent professional practice;
4. the ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately;
5. the capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress;
6. the perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the AT program as outlined and sequenced;
7. flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations;
8. effective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the MAT program will be required to verify they have read and understand the technical standards. Applicants will be asked to verify that they understand, if they are unable to meet these standards, they will most likely not be able to successfully pass the courses in the program, complete the MAT program, and pass the Board of Certification (BOC) certification exam. The Disabilities Services Office will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, a committee composed of the student, personnel from the University's Disabilities Services and the Health and Exercise Sciences Department will determine if it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review as to whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation.

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above. I understand that these standards are vital to successful completion of the program and the certification exam. If I am unable to meet these standards I will most likely not be able to successfully pass the courses in the program, complete the MAT Program, and pass the BOC certification exam.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALTERNATIVE STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS**

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I understand that in order to request any accommodations at Truman State University, I must first contact the Disabilities Services Office to determine what accommodations may be available.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_